

# The CAST

## **Helena Janssen - Nora Helmer**



Helena is a sophomore majoring in Philosophy and minoring in Classical Studies and Theatre. Helena has been performing with local and regional theatre since the age of seven. *A Doll's House* is her fifth production with Theatre UAH. She has previously been seen in *Lysistrata*, *Crimes of the Heart*, *All in the Timing*, and *Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. Helena teaches acting, musical theatre and dance at Madison Children's Theatre. Summer 2009 show, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* will mark Helena's fourth year of directing and choreographing MCT's musical.

## **M. Clinton Merritt - Torvald Helmer**



Clint received his B.A. in Theatre from UAB in 1999 and his M.F.A. in Theatre from Florida Atlantic University in 2005. He has served as an Adjunct Professor of Drama at Calhoun Community College for 2 years (2006-2008) and has made the move to UAH to serve in the same position this semester. He teaches full time at Hazel Green High School where he selects, directs, produces and designs shows for the Hazel Green Dramatis Personae. Mr. Merritt has been acting for 15 years and is proud to be joining the UAH Theatre department. This show is dedicated to his wife, Jessica, for her unparalleled support of his theatrical work and her wonderful job as a mother to their two children. Mr. Merritt is sharing his UAH debut with the wonderful little man in his life, his stepson Mr. Noah Stringer.

## **Christin Street Stanfield as Ms. Kristine Linde**



Christin graduated in 2007 from UAH with a degree in Rhetorical Communications. This is her third production with UAH Theatre. While a student at UAH, she performed in *Lysistrata* (2006) and *Sister Mary Ignatius* (2005). She currently lives in Huntsville with her husband, Joel, and daughter, Allison. Christin enjoys designing and selling handmade cards, stationery, and invitations through a small business that she started one year ago, [www.brookestreetaffections.com](http://www.brookestreetaffections.com). She would like to thank David Harwell as well as Shannon, her wonderful director, for asking her back to the UAH Theatre stage. Enjoy the show!

## **Archie Fields III as Dr. Rank**



Archie is a senior majoring in Philosophy and English. He has enjoyed watching and studying plays for many years, and decided that he wanted to try acting instead of just being an audience member. This is his first play, and he has had a lot of fun with it, so he hopes to be able to continue participating in the theatre throughout his life.

## **William Daniels as Nils Krogstad**



William is a junior in Aerospace Engineering. This is his first production at UAH. William went to high school in Clinton, Mississippi. His favorite fruits are apples and he has six toes on each foot.



### **Megan Craft as Anna Marie**

Megan is a junior at UAHuntsville majoring in English and minoring in Communications. Megan loves Ibsen's *A Doll's House* and feels incredibly lucky to be a part of this production! This is her first role ever. Megan would like to thank the behind the scenes geniuses, wonderful cast, and amazing directors for this incredible experience. She would also like to thank her Mom, Mary, and husband, Jim, for encouraging her to tryout! Finally, Thank YOU for coming to see *A Doll's House*!



### **Elizabeth Baxley as Helene**

Elizabeth is a Spanish major with a double minor in English and Theatre. She has performed in various ballets with the Alabama Youth Ballet Theatre and has participated in various UAH productions, including *Mother Courage, All in the Timing, and Forum*. She is looking forward to many more UAH productions and invites everyone to come see her perform in Alabama Youth Ballet Theatre's production of *The Nutcracker*. Elizabeth also served as the Assistant Director on tonight's performance.

## The Helmer children



### **Victoria Elise Finklea**

Victoria is 6 years old and in the first grade at Heritage Elementary school. She is a very sweet, happy and energetic little girl and is very excited and thankful to have this opportunity to perform for you today.



### **Mackenzie Johnston**

Mackenzie is a third grader at Blossomwood Elementary. She loves art and reading but her favorite subject is math. She stays busy outside of school too and her favorite sport is soccer. This is Mackenzie's first theater production and is very excited to be a part of this cast.



### **Mr. Noah Stringer**

Noah received his pre-school diploma from Trinity United Methodist Child Development Center and is currently enrolled in Columbia Elementary school in Madison, AL. His major is undecided. He is making his acting debut with his Big Daddy, Mr. Merritt. Mr. Stringer & Mr. Merritt live with the women of their lives, Jessica (mommy) and McKayla (sister). Mr. Stringer would like to dedicate this show to his mommy whose love for him is neverending. Mr. Stringer is 5 years old. He enjoys watching cartoons, riding the school bus and playing with his sister.

# The PRODUCERS



## **Shannon Graham - Director**

Shannon is from Huntsville. She studied Theatre at Montevallo and UAB and is honored to work with UAHuntsville Theatre as she pursues her masters in English. Directing credits at UAH include *Four Spirits*, the world premiere, *Vanities*, *Crimes of the Heart* and *Rantoul and Die*.



## **David Harwell - Set Design**

David is the assistant professor of theatre at UAHuntsville. He received his BFA in theatre at the University of Montevallo and his MFA in Scene Design from the University of Illinois in Champaign/Urbana. He is honored to produce Ibsen's important play at UAH and proud to be a part of this remarkable troupe of players.



## **Johnna Doty - Sound Design (Guest Artist)**

A Graduate of the University of Montevallo in Music, Johnna got a Sound Design Masters from Boston University in 1994. She has worked professionally in NYC and regionally and has collaborated with UAH Theatre twice before as an assistant professor at the Borough of Manhattan Community College. A native of Florence, Alabama, she now resides in Sarasota, FL. She is here as a guest theatre artist on behalf of UAHuntsville Theatre.



## **Nia Hunter - Costume Design**

Nia is a junior at UAH, majoring in studio art with a minor in theatre. She has designed costumes for many previous UAH productions including *Vanities* and *Four Spirits*. She is finally excited to finally do a period piece at UAH, and looks forward to many more productions both at UAH and grad school in the future.



### **Zach Groff - Lighting Design**

A senior at UAH, Zach holds the role as our campus lighting designer having done many of the theatrical productions and campus concerts over the past few years; including *Lysistrata*, *Rantoul and Die*, *Vanities and Forum*. Zach received a design award from the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival for his work on *Suburbia*. He currently works for University Relations and managing his own production company.



### **Michele Townley - Light Board Operator**

Michele is a Computer Science sophomore in her first year of UAH theatre. She came to us from Bob Jones High School where she operated the light console for more than five productions. She is looking forward to designing her first theatre production in the coming year.



### **Sean Law - Sound Operator**

Sean is a freshman at UAHuntsville. This is his first year working with the theatre. He is currently employed by the audio visual department at UAH. His major is Computer Engineering. Thanks to everyone who made this possible. He is a graduate of Huntsville High School.



### **Latifa Houston - Hair and Make-up**

Latifa is a senior at UAH. She is a Communication Arts major with a minor in Theatre. She is an alumni of the Lee High Drama Magnet Program under Ron Harris, and performed in numerous plays and events under his direction. She was the assistant costume designer for *Forum* last spring and *Zoo Story* last month. She will design costumes for *Couples Counseling* next month.